

side of base of median lobe; cephalic horn strongly constricted at base; pronotum without impunctate area in front of transverse ridge, behind the ridge an extensive impunctate area attaining the sides but not the base, the sides without impressed area. Female: pronotum with transverse impunctate areas. Azerbaijan (Talysh) and Trans-Caspia (Kopeh Dagh).....*persicum* Reitt.

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MELLISSODES MYSOPS COCKERELL NESTING IN OREGON (ANTHOPHORIDÆ, HYM.)

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On July 2, 1926, the writer found a colony of *Melissodes mysops* Ckll. nesting in the side of a sand bank at the top of a sea cliff in the Coos Bay region on the Oregon coast. The colony was about fifty feet above the high-water mark on the Cape Argo Lighthouse grounds. It consisted of about sixty individual nests scattered for a distance of about twenty feet along the top of the cliff. Numerous females were seen busily carrying in pollen, while several males were hovering about the openings. Both males and females were taken from nearby thistles (*Cirsium* sp.). Two nests opened showed a collection of pollen, but no evidence of eggs.

On July 13, the colony was again visited. On opening nests half-grown larvæ were found in some, while in others eggs were still present. The nests were visited a third time on July 21. Several larvæ appeared full grown. Very few females were seen. No males were in evidence. A few females were still carrying pollen. Specimens were also taken several miles farther south on the beach cliffs.

As far as the writer has been able to determine, this is the first record of this species for Oregon, and also of its nesting habitat.

Specimens taken were determined by Miss Grace Sandhouse, of the National Museum.

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